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TAGS: SHUM SOPN PINS KS
SUBJECT: KIM DAE JUNG DEFENDANTS STAGE HUNGER STRIKE
1. (C) SUMMARY: KIM DAE JUNG'S CO-DEFENDANTS ARE STAGING A HUNGER STRIKE TO PRESS A SERIES OF DEMANDS, MOSTLY FOR BETTER PRISON CONDITIONS. THEY PLAN 'SOON' TO RELEASE A STATEMENT ABOUT THEIR DEMANDS FOR BETTER TREATMENT TO THE FOREIGN PRESS. THE RESULTING INTERNATIONAL PUBLICITY IS UNLIKELY TO HELP KIM'S CAUSE. END SUMMARY
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THE APPEAL IS IN FACT AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT KIM'S FELLOW PRISONERS HAVE BEGUN A HUNGER STRIKE TO INDUCE THE KOREAN AUTHORITIES TO ACQUIESCE IN A SERIES OF 11 DEMANDS. THE FULL TEXT OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS IN PARA 4 BELOW. KEY CONCESSIONS SOUGHT BY KIM'S FELLOW PRISONERS INCLUDE:

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- -- HOUSING OF ALL THE DEFENDANTS IN THE SAME CELL, SO THAT KIM WILL NOT BE HARMED BY "UNKNOWN CELLMATES";
- -- RELEASE OF TRIAL VERDICTS TO THE DEFENDANTS;
- -- BETTER MEDICAL CARE;
- -- UNCENSORED COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

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4. (LOU) TEXT OF THE APPEAL:

- AN APPEAL,

- AS THE NEW YEAR 1981 BEGINS WE WOULD LIKE TO OFFER OUR SINCERE WISH FOR EVERY BLESSING TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN SO CONCERNED ABOUT US.

- ON JANUARY 5TH, DURING OUR FIRST FAMILY VISITS OF THIS NEW YEAR, WE WERE ABLE TO VERIFY THAT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF KIM DAE JUNG, WHOSE HEALTH IS EXTREMELY POOR, ALL 14 OF THE DEFENDANTS IN PRISON HAVE BEGUN A HUNGER STRIKE FROM

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JANUARY 2ND, IN ORDER TO STRUGGLE FOR THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- 1. BECAUSE OF THE REAL DANGER OF PHYSICAL HARM BEING DONE TO KIM DAE JUNG, AN ORDER MUST BE ISSUED ALLOWING OTHER DEFENDANTS IN THIS CASE TO SHARE THE SAME CELL.

- 2. THE AGENTS FROM THE NATIONAL SECURITY COMMAND WHO ATTEND OUR VISITING HOURS MUST BE WITHDRAWN, AND RECORDING EQUIPMENT REMOVED.

- 3. SINCE THEY ARE THE RIGHTFUL PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE DEFENDANTS, THE TEXTS OF THE FIRST AND SECOND SENTENCINGS, AND OF THE FIRST AND FINAL APPEALS MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE FAMILIES OF THE DEFENDANTS.

- 4. BECAUSE THE BEARER OF RESPONSIBILITY WOULD BE UNCLEAR IN THE EVENT SOMETHING UNFORTUNATE WERE TO OCCUR, UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS IN CIVILIAN DRESS MUST BE FORBIDDEN ENTRY INTO OUR PRISON CELLS.

- 5. RESPONSIBLE MEDICAL CARE MUST BE GIVEN TO PRISONERS WHO ARE ILL, AND COMPENSATION MUST BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO SUFFERED TORTURE DURING INVESTIGATION BY THE K.C.I.A.

- 6. THE THREE DEFENDANTS AMONG THOSE WHO SURRENDERED THEIR RIGHT OF FINAL APPEAL ON CONDITION THEY WOULD BE RELEASED, BUT WHO WERE DECEIVED AND ARE STILL IN PRISON, MUST BE SOUGHT AND RELEASED AT ONCE.

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- 7. THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH EVEN EXISTING WINDOWS ARE BOARDED OVER AND PRISONERS MUST SPEND ALL THE TIME UNDER A DIM LIGHT, LEADING TO CLAUSTROPHOBIA AND NEUROSIS, MUST BE RECTIFIED AT ONCE.
- 8. PERMISSION MUST BE GRANTED FOR THE REQUIRED SURGERY FOR INNER EAR INFECTION FOR KO UN-TAE, WHO HAD COMPLETED ONLY THE FIRST TWO OPERATIONS BEFORE ARREST, AND WHO IS IN PAIN AND HAS APPEALED FOR THIS MEDICAL CARE.
- 9. OUR PRESENT 30 MINUTE EXERCISE PERIOD MUST BE EXTENDED TO 2 HOURS, AND WE MUST BE ALLOWED TO HAVE OUR EXERCISE TIME TOGETHER.
- 12. WE MUST HAVE THE FREEDOM TO USE THE TOILETS AND WASH ROOMS UPON REQUEST.
- 11. WE MUST BE ALLOWED WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS WITH OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WITHOUT CENSORSHIP.
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- WE OF THE FAMILIES OF THESE DEFENDANTS CANNOT RESTRAIN OURSELVES AND MUST APPEAL TO YOU, FOR WE HAVE WITNESSED THE EMACIATED APPEARANCE AND STEADY DECLINE OF THE HEALTH OF OUR LOVED ONES UNDER TORTURE AND IN THE BITTER COLD AS THEY RENEW THEIR STRUGGLE FOR DECENT TREATMENT.
- WE ASK FOR YOUR CONCERN ABOUT THESE MEN WHO ARE FASTING ONLY TO ASK FOR THE BARE MINIMUM OF DECENT HUMAN TREATMENT AND THE GUARANTEE OF MERE PHYSICAL SAFETY FOR KIM DAE JUNG, AND WE URGE YOU TO COOPERATE IN HELPING TO MAKE POSSIBLE THE FULFILLING OF THESE DEMANDS.
- JANUARY 5, 1981
- THE FAMILIES OF THOSE
- INVOLVED IN THE SO-CALLED
- KIM DAE JUNG SEDITION
- PLOT CASE
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